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***STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
STAFF REPORT ON LEGISLATION AFFECTING
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RETIREMENT SYSTEM***

96th General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 0377 – Representative Keith Farnham

PROPOSAL

House Bill 0377 amends the General Assembly Retirement System (GARS) Article of the Pension Code to specify that no retirement benefits provided by the Article may be paid to any person who is impeached by the House of Representatives and convicted and removed from office by the Senate.

COMMENT

Currently, the GARS Article provides that no benefits may be paid to any person who is convicted of any felony relating to or arising out of or in connection with service as a member of GARS. This current provision does not preclude the member's right to a refund.

House Bill 0377 provides the same forfeiture provision for any GARS member who is impeached by the House of Representatives and convicted and removed from office by the Senate. The bill does not preclude the member's right to a refund from GARS.